



# **Amanda H North PTO Executive Meeting**

**January 12, 2026 / 9am**

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## **MEETING AGENDA**

President's Report: Shannon Strauss

Teacher Lunch for Jan & Feb: Candice & Melissa

Event Recap: Mallory Darcy

Treasurer Report: Megan Hartsfield

ANE Fundraiser - Jill Justus

Student Appreciation: Beth & Sarah

PTO Communication: Robin Ellison

PTO Informational Meeting: Shannon Strauss

Miscellaneous: Shannon Strauss

Dodgeball Event: Mallory Darcy

Soda Cart: Susan Lam

Spirit Nights: Shannon Strauss

Teacher/Staff Drinks & Special Days: Shannon Strauss

PBIS Cart: Nicole Keswani



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# **MINUTES**

Meeting Attendance: Shannon Strauss, Nicole Keswani, Jill Justus, Caron Johnson, Beth Pearman, Mallory Darcy, Jacob Court, Susan Lam, Megan Hartsfield, Lauren Ignomirello, Beth Vriesman, Amy Lewis, Candace Copeland Robin Ellison, Melissa Miller, Tara Tsagouris

Meeting opened at 9:02am.

### President's Report:

New people have filled two empty positions - Olivia Pramas is now coordinating Teacher Birthdays and Specialty Day treats. Beth Pearman and Sarah Rennert are taking over Spirit Night Coordination. Spring Spirit Nights were discussed.

### Teacher Lunch for Jan & Feb

January's lunch will be provided by Big Bad Breakfast. The theme is You Brighten Our Day. Event will take place on Jan 21st. February's lunch will be on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> with a tailgate theme. Texas Roadhouse will provide food in exchange for a hosted school night. Additional restaurant collaborations were discussed with the advice to save some for Teacher Appreciation Week.

### PBIS Cart

Cart is ready for Friday. Room parents are counting coyote cash and taking orders. Volunteers for the Cart still has some spots to fill. Various board members volunteered to fill in any gaps.



## Event Recap:

Lots of great things were shared as feedback for the North Pole Event. It was a huge success in providing a memorable family-fun experience and raising over \$4,000. Discussion of how this money will be spent for the school was tabled for next meeting. Suggestions for this event next year include: Moving the choir to the gym, moving reindeer games to an enclosed hallway with more supervision and direction, pre-package individual ornament kits, less options for hot cocoa, more popcorn & reindeer food, put Cosmo by a photo backdrop, have longer tables for Letters to Santa, move the event to earlier next year - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday after Thanksgiving Break, have a check-in desk for volunteers, more signage or people directing, bring back the snow machine!

## Treasurer Report

Review of cash flow for December 2025 including event profit, soda cart profits, Spirit night profits, and donations. Expenses were recorded and discussed. If a mascot is hired for an event, the treasurer will be notified and prepare a check or cash.

## ANE Fundraiser

ANE is hosting a fundraiser FUN RUN this year through Booster. Related Arts teachers are spear heading this event, booster is providing prizes, registration is open now. Event takes place Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, indoors or outdoors depending on weather. PTO will join in building hype for this event. ANE will not be sending teachers to PCL this year. Instead those funds will stay earmarked for the conference in 2027 to allow better conference timing. Saving for a track was mentioned and will be considered at February's meeting if a sinking fund towards that is in our budget this year.

## Student Appreciation:

Feb 9-12. Balloon arch and backdrop for the week. Daily recess treats: Monday- sno cones, Tuesday- cotton candy, Wednesday- popcorn & lemonade, Thursday- popcicles, squishies, and a card (distribute in the morning). Friday-no school

## PTO Informational Meeting

Fresh semester, fresh start. Hosting a PTO Informational Meeting to educate parents on the workings of PTO and increase parent involvement. Meeting is set for February 4<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria directly following drop off. Fast Passes may be used and cafeteria doors will remain closed for the duration of the meeting.

## Next Year

All board members and coordinator not planning to continue their role next year are asked to notify the PTO president. This will help give ample time to fill roles and potentially boost training.

## Dodgeball Event

The next big PTO event is a Dodgeball Tournament on February 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be in the Gym and Cafeteria from 6-8pm. This is a ticketed event, \$10/ticket. All tickets come with a tshirt. Each grade level will have their own color shirts and play against each other in 15 minutes sets with 3 total rounds. Coach Farie has agreed to MC. For students who want to participate but not play, a hype squad will be an option as well. Paper wrist bands were suggested to identify players. Younger grades will play from 6-7. Older grades will play from 7-8. Add-on's to ticket pricing: Optional Chick-fil-A dinner boxes, \$8/box, Selling bottled waters and a signature dirty soda event drink. Possibly having Joyful come and host a gaming section too. Profit Goal is \$1000.

## Soda Cart

Already a great fundraise. \$60 raised in just 30 minutes are carline soda cart. Approval through May is complete. This will be an easy and fun addition to events and special occasions. Susan proposed the cart have 3 volunteers for efficiency at the Carnival Event.

## PTO Communication

ANE PTO will start sending a monthly newsletter the first Monday of each month. This will become the responsibility of the PTO Secretary. Flodesk is our new platform for this thanks to Jacob. Newsletters will begin this month.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.